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GVN Release on Buddhist Situation

The Ministry of Interior has furnished the Public Administration Division a pamphlet containing both French and English versions of the correspondence between the Government and the Buddhist Delegation and Communique No. 3 of June 26, 1963, and Communique No. 4 of July 1, 1963. The latter states the official position of the Movement of Republican Youth vis a vis the five demands of the General Association of Buddhists. Requests for limited numbers of copies can be filled from the Public Administration library. Interested offices may contact Mr. Lien on USOM extension 520 or telephone 23142.

Preparations for the National Assembly Election

GVN is making nation-wide preparations for the election of 123 delegates to the National Assembly on August 31, 1963. A poster has been distributed setting forth deadline dates for voters and candidates as well as qualifications for running for office (see attached translation). The Ministry of Interior which is the agency responsible for conducting elections, has also produced a movie to be shown widely to inform voters of proper election procedures. They expect 2 or 3 candidates to run for each position and up to 7,200,000 voters to take part.

The actual campaigning is limited to the period from August 16 through 31. All US personnel, as interested observers, are again reminded to exercise the greatest possible discretion in avoiding any appearance of taking sides, and are cautioned to avoid any unguarded comments which could conceivably be misinterpreted as showing bias.

NIA Entrance Examinations

Some 1765 candidates have just completed national competitive examinations for 100 scholarships to the three year course at the National Institute of Administration. Of about 270 being trained at the campus at 10 Tran quoc Toan, nearly 75 are graduated each year to fill public service positions at both the national and provincial levels.

Public Administration Division staff changes

Mr. Gustav Hertz, formerly Chief of Public Administration for the Far East Regional Bureau in Washington, arrived May 28, to head the Public Administration Division in Saigon. Mr. Hertz had been here previously on TDY in February. Mr. Dale Rose, Public Administration Advisor-Training, departed for a similar assignment in Bangkok, Thailand on July 12 after more than six years in Saigon, the first portion of which was under the MSU contract. Mr. Quentin R. Verdier, formerly Regional Training Officer in the International Training Division of AID/Washington has arrived to fill the position of Public Administration Advisor-Training.

A consultant on local government affairs, Mr. Laurie Cormier, Mayor of Leminster, Massachusetts, is here for 45 day TDY to observe and advise on local government election procedures and related matters.

Changes in Province Chiefs

Major Nguyen ngoc Xinh in Long An province, SVN-W
Major Nguyen khac Binh in Dinh Tuong province, SVN-W
Major Nguyen thanh Hoang in An Xuyen province, SVN-W
Major Nguyen van Sau in Con Son province, SVN-W

Correction to Reference Documents

Provinces of Vietnam

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